








Karosta (The War Port) – Ziemupe

Karosta – military heritage
on the coast of the Baltic Sea


The first four kilometers of the Baltic Coastal Hiking Route may interest military history enthusiasts with the remains of many forts and coastal defense batteries, but in terms of walking, this is technically the most complicated section of Kurzeme seacoast. After crossing the Fortress Canal, the Baltic Coastal Hiking Route winds through a coastal meadow for a short while, then darts onto a beach and continues as far as Ziemupe. The beach is wide, in times of stronger winds it gets narrower between the Lenkupe and Kārļupīte Rivers. In some places, there are small bluffs, the rest of the section is composed of high, occasionally washed away foredunes. It is said that a lot of ships have sunk in the depths of the Ziemupe River, one of them even had bronze cannons.




PRACTICAL INFORMATION


- 22 km
-  8–10 h
-  North Pier of Karosta, opposite **P**
-  Ziemupe beach, opposite **P**
-  Karosta – Saraiķi Manor – Ziemupe
-  Medium – Hard
-  Sandy and pebbly beaches, coastal trails, occasionally soft, silted sand, in some places there are stones and structures protecting against coastal erosion.
-  You have to go around the remains of fortifications by using forest trails or, when

the winds create an outflow of water, by using the beach. You can wade across the Fortress Canal, the small streams, brooks and ditches during low water. The Liepāja treatment plant can be passed via the beach. In case of strong winds from the sea, the Fortress Canal and the Wastewater treatment plant of Liepāja can be passed via Lībiešu and Viestura iela (~ 2,5 km). The coastal protection structures (concrete blocks) opposite Saraiķi can be bypassed via the beach or across the blocks in times of strong winds.

 Personal safety must be ensured in the surroundings of the fortifications. They are washed away by the sea and are not equipped with amenities. It is not recommended to wade through the sea as there are sharp and dangerous underwater objects. In Šķēde military training ground, hikers are only allowed to walk on the beach.

WORTH SEEING!

- 1** The memorial to the victims of the Holocaust. GPS: 56.59966, 21.02060
- 2** Kurzeme fishermen's homestead. T: +371 26540345; GPS: 56.65519, 21.02251
- 3** The Saraiķi Evangelical Lutheran Church. GPS: 56.66178, 21.07428
- 4** The Soviet army base. Some of the buildings are washed away into the sea, others have been turned into private houses. GPS: 56.74053, 21.06535
- 5** The Ziemupe Evangelical Lutheran Church. Among other churches of Kurzeme, this church is distinguished by its modest dimensions (25 x 11 m) and architectural simplicity because it does not even have a belfry. T: +371 26274155; GPS: 56.74080, 21.06803
- 6** A swordfish exhibit. The swordfish that was washed ashore was 2,08 m long and weighed 37 kg, its bill or "sword" was around 70 cm long. T: +371 29437166; GPS: 56.74865, 21.07607
- 7**  The Ziemupe juniper forest. Can only be visited on guided tours. T: +371 29437166; GPS: 56.742075, 21.067057
- 8** The Memorial site to the battleship "Moskva". GPS: 56.74499, 21.06176

 Near Saraiķi, there is no access to the sea for the public (private properties). No shops or catering are available from Karosta to Ziemupe.

SERVICES

Accommodations

Accommodations in Liepāja, Karosta
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- 1. Guest house "Zariņi"**, T: +371 26540345; GPS: 56.66158, 21.07331
- 2. Guest house "Smiltņieki"**, T: +371 29122204; GPS: 56.69997, 21.06052
- 3. Campsite "Kalēji"**, T: +371 29141389, 63454562; GPS: 56.71158, 21.06234
- 4. Guest house "Indrāni"**, T: +371 63453560, 29393866; GPS: 56.71943, 21.06914
- 5. Guest house "Dvēseles veldzes dārzs"**, T: +371 22007874; GPS: 56.72749, 21.09286
- 6. Tent area "Ziemupes jūrmalas stāvlaukums"**, T: +371 29400470; GPS: 56.74499, 21.06176
- 7. Guest house "Kaijas"**, T: +371 29454425; GPS: 56.74581, 21.07255
- 8. Holiday home "Stumbrenieki"**, T: +371 29296551; GPS: 56.76013, 21.07873.
- 9. Guest house "Laikas"**, T: +371 29432314; GPS: 56.78145, 21.06333
- 10. Hotel "Ziemupes muiža"**, +371 26424119; GPS: 56.74925, 21.07616
- 11. Campsite "Kīcu orga"**, T: +371 26329215; GPS: 56.77692, 21.06384
- 12. Holiday home "Ziemupes Zaļkalni"**, T: +371 29420219; GPS: 56.73507, 21.07371
- 13. Guest house "Stellas"**, T: +371 29139169, 26989168; GPS: 56.74046, 21.06612

Catering

- 1. Restaurant "Ziemupes muiža"**, T: +371 26424119; GPS: 56.74925, 21.07616
- 2. "JūrCafe"**, T: +371 29400470; GPS: 56.74499, 21.06176

For catering possibilities, visit
www.liepaja.travel

Shops

In Liepāja, in Saraikī
GPS: 56.66351, 21.07806,
In Ziemupe
GPS: 56.74903, 21.07790

Public transport

Bus transport connects Liepāja and Ziemupe (~ 2 times per day). www.lap.lv

Rest areas

Next to where the Fortress Canal flows into the sea,
GPS: 56.59222, 21.01623
Rest area, GPS: 56.62447, 21.03519

TOURIST INFORMATION

Vērgale / Ziemupe TIP,
Jūras māja, Ziemupe,
T: +371 29437166;
GPS: 56.74865, 21.07607

